

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that Claims 76-82 and 90-94 are allowable and that Claims 62 and 65-67 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Applicants presume that the reference to Claim 89 as being allowable is in error, as Claim 89 depends from Claims 83 via intervening Claim 86.

In order to expedite issuance of the allowed claims, allowable Claims 62 and 65 have been amended to include the subject matter of their base Claim 59 and intervening Claims 60 and 61 (now canceled), and allowable Claim 67 has been amended to include the subject matter of its base Claim 59 and intervening Claim 60. Claims 62 and 65 have also been amended for clarity of expression with respect to subject matter from Claim 61.

Claims 63, 64, 68, and 83-89 have also been canceled, thus rendering as moot the outstanding rejections. The cancellation of Claims 59-61, 63, 64, 68, and 83-89 is without prejudice or disclaimer and without acquiescence to the rejections.

In addition, Claims 48-58 and 69-75 directed to non-elected invention(s) have also been canceled without

prejudice or disclaimer to pursue via divisional application or otherwise.

Claims 1-47 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Accordingly, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance and should now be passed to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (XA-10598) any fees that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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